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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference<br><b>PXWO00206/20</b>  | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> </div> <div>           See Form PCT/PEA/416         </div> </div> |   |
| International application No.<br><b>PCT/ES2004/000175</b>   | International filing date (day/month/year)<br><b>23.04.2004</b>  | Priority date (day/month/year)<br><b>23.04.2003</b>                                 |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</li> <li>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</li> <li>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of sheets, as follows:                   <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).                   <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.                 </div> </li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) , containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |  |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:               <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application               </div> </li> </ol>   |  |   |
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT  
ON PATENTABILITY**International application No.  
PCT/ES2004/000175**Box No. I Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
  - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
  - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements\*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

**Description, Pages**

1-4 as originally filed

**Claims, Numbers**

1-7 as originally filed

**Drawings, Sheets**

1/2-2/2 as originally filed

☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
  - ☐ the claims, Nos.
  - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
  - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
  - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages
  - ☐ the claims, Nos.
  - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
  - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
  - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

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| Novelty (N)                   | Yes: Claims | 1-7 |
|                               | No: Claims  |     |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Yes: Claims | 1-7 |
|                               | No: Claims  |     |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-7 |
|                               | No: Claims  |     |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

**see separate sheet**

**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US-A-4932651

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a training bench for cyclists having a framework bearing end (30), parallel, freely rotational rollers (31,31A) on which the wheels of bicycle will rest, and a central support (36,15) on which the frame of the bicycle will be held through the portion of the frame, where the support (36,15) is constituted of a platform assembled on the framework through transverse bars (33), on which it can move in a free manner.

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from this known D1 in that the platform, from its upper base, has an elastically deformable anchoring system controllable by means of servomechanism, serving as a holding base for holding a vertical column, the anchoring system acting as an absorption member to control the movement of the bicycle with regard to the platform and framework.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as exact reproducing or distorting the real traffic conditions, both with regard to slope variations and to trajectory variations.

The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons: since the anchoring system is elastically deformable and acts as an absorption member and is controlled by means of servomechanism, the problem posed is solved.

Claims 2 - 7 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.